(b) if so, by when the proposed celJ would be set up and start functioning; and

(c) to what extent the cell will devise methods to overcom . bottlenecks and short-Tails in the poverty s deviation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE - (SHRI JANARDHAN POoJARI): (a) to (c) There is already a *riority Sector Division in the Ministry of inince. which handles matters relating to ank credit for all poverty alleviation programmes. This Division in consultatio i with Reserve Bank of India, National B ink for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and also with other related Mi listries, and Institutions devise methods to overcome bottlenecks and shortfalls in the flow of credit for poverty alleviation rogrammes.

Gang involved in c rculation of counterfeit Foreigi Exchange

2268. SHRr HAEVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI D. B CHANDRE GOWDA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased lo state:

(a) whei'ner the Enforcement Directorate officers at Bombay have recently busted an internatioi al gang involved in circulation of counterfeit foreign exchange to the tune cf crores of rupees;

(b) if so, whether <n>- arrests have been made in this regard;

(c* the details of the counterfeit currency seized during tl e raids; and

(d) actio n contemi lated by the Gov ernment against the involved persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY *0*< FINANCE (SHRl B. K. GADHVI): (a) *to* (c) Consequent upon personal as wel as residential searches of S]Shri S. A. Dedanwala and Lachman Borkar conducted by the officers <*H* Enforcement Directorate (FERA), certain incriminating documents besides,

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Thomas cook Travellers cheque s wo rth U. S. $ 34,500, two International Credit Cards, U.S. $ 199, D. M. 1050 and Travellers Cheques of U. S. $ 120 were seized. i n this connection, both the accused were a rrested.

(d) As the seized xravelle rs cheques have been found to be for ged one, the case has been referred to C.B.I., Crime Branch, Bombay.

Sample study by Planning Commission

2269. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sample study has -been conducted by the Planning Commission on the indebtedness 0 f the tribals;

(b) if so, what is the result 0 f the study; and

(c) what remedial measures Govern ment proposes to take *t^* tackle the pro blem of growing indebtedness among adi-vasis and non-adivasis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Tfa e Planning Commission has not conducted any specific study on indebtedness of tribals. However, the subject has been dealt with in the "Evaluation Report on Integrated Tribal Development Project" which is a study conducted by the Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) 0 f the Planning Commission in 10 TTDPs in seven States i n the country.

(b) The study based on a sample of 767 tribal house holds, has revealed, among other things, that larger number of tribals (33.77 per cent) had availed of loan in 1982-83 as compared to 1975-76 (14.47 per cent). While the percentage of tribal households availing loan from money lenders was a s high as 72.07 per cent, it has come dow n 27.03 per c ent in 1982-83. The percentage of tribal households taking loan fro m Cooperative! institutional sources was 55.98 per cent in 1982-83 as agains t 17.12 pe r cent te